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EDITORIALS†

MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS

Medical Preparedness Is a Live Issue.—In the last several numbers of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL, informative articles and items concerning Medical Preparedness were given considerable space; the backbone of the November issue, in which rosters of medical examiners appeared, having been marked to attract attention, by the small block letters, MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS. When current world events are interpreted, the signs indicate that, for some time to come, the department on Medical Preparedness is almost certain to have a place each month in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

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Members Entering the Military Services Make Sacrifices.—To some members of the Association who are not yet in the Army or Navy Medical Reserves, or who are not in the draftee age limits, it may seem that Medical Preparedness is being overstressed. Not so, however, does it appear to physicians who have volunteered, or have been called into service, and who, on short notice, have had to give up private practice to assume military duties for an indefinite period; in the future to return home, and attempt to rebuild or practically start anew, where they left off, at the time of entering upon a transitional military career. Family and other responsibilities, when such situations arise, assume large rôles.

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Medical Examinations for Selective Service Boards.—Even in what might be termed the transient work associated with medical examinations of draftees, as carried on for local or other selective service boards, demands on the professional time and efforts of physicians are of considerable moment. It is not surprising, therefore, in so massive an effort as that of examining all men between the ages of 21 and 36—(a work carried on, for instance, by local boards working often in vastly different environments, with lists of selective service draftees running as high as seven thousand men)—that the demands upon the energies of physicians attached to certain boards have been more than could be expected of such doctors who,

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and editorial interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.